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## 8TH DISTRICT LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

Western Rivers  
LIGHT LIST VOLUME V  
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The Local Notice to Mariners consists of a Monthly Edition and Weekly Supplements. The Monthly Edition is published the first week of each month, and Weekly Supplemental Editions are published in the intervening weeks. Weekly Supplemental Editions contain only new information; however, ongoing events/conditions published in Weekly Supplements at times are re-advertised in the following Monthly Edition. Chart and light list corrections printed in the Weekly Supplemental Editions are not repeated in Monthly Editions.

The Current Monthly Edition is Notice Number 01/01.

LIGHT LIST REFERENCE: COMDTPUB P16502.4, Vol. V, 2000 Edition.

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NIS WATCHSTANDER PHONE	(703) 313-5900 24 HOURS A DAY
INTERNET ADDRESSES	<a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.mil">HTTP://www.navcen.uscg.mil</a> OR <a href="ftp://ftp.navcen.uscg.mil">FTP://ftp.navcen.uscg.mil</a>
ZERO NOTICE INTERNET ADDRESS	<a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/lnm/d8mrs">HTTP://www.navcen.uscg.mil/lnm/d8mrs</a>
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### BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS COVERED IN THIS EDITION

ORIGINATING UNITS	BEGINNING BNMS	THROUGH	ENDING BNMS
GROUP UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER	0004-01 (UM)		0014-01 (UM)
GROUP LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER	0024-01 (LM)		0043-01 (LM)
GROUP OHIO VALLEY	0019-01 (OV)		0027-01 (OV)
OB DWRO	0001-01 (OB)		0002-01 (OB)

### SPECIAL NOTICES

OHIO RIVER ALLEGHENY RIVER MONONGAHELA RIVER Ice Conditions	Heavy ice has been reported on the entire Allegheny River from approximately Mile 0.0 to Mile 72.0 and parts of the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers, from approximately Miles 0.0 to 54.0. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting these 3 rivers.  (02-01/0003OV)
OHIO RIVER ALLEGHENY RIVER MONONGAHELA RIVER KANAWHA RIVER Ice Conditions	Buoys on the Ohio River Mile 0.0 to Mile 341.0, and on the entire lengths of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Kanawha Rivers are unreliable due to ice. Ice renders the buoys reflective material ineffective, drags them off station and may cause them to become adrift. Areas that have experienced icing for several weeks may have few, if any buoys remaining. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting.  (02-01/0005OV)
UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Safety Advisory	The COTP St. Louis, MO and the COTP Paducah, KY, under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act has established a Joint Safety Advisory on the UMR between Mile 184.0 and Mile 0.0. Due to low water conditions, tows entering the safety zone must meet the following requirements: Northbound tows: No more than 30 barges, of which only 20 may be loaded. Southbound tows: No more than 20 barges. Draft: No barge may draft more than 9 feet. Barges that were loaded to a draft between 9 and 10 feet as of 12:00 noon, on December 12, 2000, should be placed in the center of the tow closest to the towboat. Liquid barges: Should be in the center of the tow when possible. Questions concerning this Safety Advisory may be directed to the COTP St. Louis, MO at (314) 539-3091, Extension 1 or Group Upper Mississippi River on VHF-FM Channel 16.  (03-01/0006UM)
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Safety Advisory	As a result of changing river level conditions on the Lower Mississippi River, LORMC, in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard and the COE has issued the following safety advisory: "From Mile 435.0 to Mile 954.0, towing companies and tow operators are recommended to limit southbound arrays to 30 barges or less, and are recommended to limit northbound arrays to 36 barges or less with lengths of loads not exceeding 1050 feet. It is strongly encouraged that all barges transiting the Lower Mississippi River are loaded to 10 feet or less beginning January 8, 2001."  (02-01/0023LM)

<b>UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Safety Advisory</b>	The COE has announced an anticipated release of ice from Mel Price L/D on January 14 and 15, 2001. This release may cause hazardous conditions between approximately Mile 201, south through the St. Louis Harbor area. Due to rapidly changing river conditions the COTP St. Louis, MO, in conjunction with the COE, under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, has established the following safety advisory: "All mariners are advised to stay alert for changing river conditions. Fleet operators are encouraged to review their fleeting arrangements and prepare for possible ice conditions." Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0011UM)
<b>ILLINOIS RIVER UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Safety Advisory</b>	Due to severe ice conditions on the Illinois River, the COTP St. Louis, MO, in conjunction with the COTP Chicago, IL., has issued the following safety advisory: All tows entering the Illinois River System as of December 19, 2000 between Miles 271.0 and 79.0 Upper Mississippi River, should limit tow sizes to 2 barges wide, not to exceed 90 feet and 4 barges long, not to exceed 8 barges total in tow. Northbound vessels presently waiting turn may lock through LaGrange with full width, but must slim tow down to the advisory configuration as soon as possible after leaving LaGrange. All tows must have ice couplings before approaching locks. Mariners are advised to use extreme caution and pay special attention to crewmembers working outside in sub-zero temperatures. (52-00/0657UM)
<b>TENNESSEE RIVER CUMBERLAND RIVER Reservoir Forecast via E-Mail</b>	The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is offering its Reservoir Forecast navigation interests via E-Mail. The Reservoir Forecast will provide a 7 day forecast of the anticipated midnight headwater, tailwater maximums and minimums and discharge values. These will be for the Tennessee and Cumberland main river and dams. This data is being offered as a service to navigation interests based on numerous inquiries in recent years. It should be noted that these are projections only and are subject to change based on rainfall, generation needs and other unforeseen demands. If you wish to receive a copy of these forecasts please E-Mail Clayton Minchew at: cminchew@tva.gov. (02-01/COE)
<b>WHITE RIVER Safety Advisory</b>	As a result of low water conditions between approximately Miles 0.0 and 10.0, on the White River Entrance Channel, the Arkansas River Emergency Reaction Team, in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, and the COE is issuing the following advisory: "Effective immediately, towing companys and tow operators are recommended to push arrays no larger than 600 feet by 108 feet with a draft of not more than 9 feet. It is requested that vessels check-in with Norrel Lock prior to entering the White River. Vessels may contact Coast Guard Group Lower Mississippi River on VHF-FM Channel 16 for further information." (02-01/0020LM)

### DISCREPANCIES AND DISCREPANCIES CORRECTED

To report (Federal and Private) Aids to Navigation Discrepancies, contact the nearest Coast Guard Group Office. The following listing is for the 24-hour watch stander that is available to take your call:

Coast Guard Group Upper Mississippi River  
Coast Guard Group Lower Mississippi River  
Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley

(319) 524-7511 Extension 4  
(901) 544-3912 Extension 122  
1-800-253-7465

FEDERAL AID DISCREPANCIES	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
NONE						
FEDERAL AID DISCREPANCIES CORRECTED	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
OHIO RIVER	27005	648.8	L/B	MAUKPORT LIGHT	RELIGHTED	03-01
	27455	769.8	R/B	FRENCH ISLAND LOWER LIGHT	REBUILT/REMAINS	03-01
	27520	789.9	L/B	CAPT. ROBERT MANN LIGHT	RELIGHTED	03-01
TEMPORARY CHANGES	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
NONE						
TEMPORARY CHANGES CORRECTED	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
NONE						
PRIVATE AID DISCREPANCIES	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
NONE						
PRIVATE AID DISCREPANCIES CORRECTED	LLNR	MILE	BANK	AID NAME	STATUS	LNM/BNM
NONE						

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO AIDS TO NAVIGATION

NONE

### ADVANCED NOTICE OF CHANGES IN AIDS TO NAVIGATION

NONE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>ILLINOIS WATERWAY</b>	<b>MILE 207.6 BRIDGE DEMOLITION</b>	A contractor will commence demolition of the Hennepin Bridge. Mariners can contact the M/V MIDWEST (Call Sign WCV9942) for passing information. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/OB)
<b>LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER</b>	<b>MILE 901.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported mid-channel, in the vicinity of Mile 901.0. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0042LM)
	<b>MILE 858.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Two barges have reportedly sunk in the vicinity of Mile 858.0, mid-channel. The barges have been marked with 2 LB showing a flashing white light. North bound tows are urged to favor the can buoy line and south bound tows are urged to flank the bend also favoring the RDB as much as possible. Mariners should contact the M/V WAYNE P. LAGRANGE for additional information. Due to likely possibility that these buoys could be carried away by heavy ice flows, mariners should not rely solely upon the their existence to mark the location of the 2 sunken barges. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0010LM)
	<b>MILE 696.0 – MILE 695.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Due to low water conditions, the channel width has been reduced to approximately 600 feet between approximately Miles 696.0 and 695.0, with a depth of approximately 14 feet with the Memphis Gauge at -8.1 and holding. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0035LM)

<b>LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER (CONT.)</b>	<b>MILE 580.5 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 580.5, approximately 150 feet off the can line with approximately 9 feet 6 inches of water with the Arkansas City Gauge at .7 feet and steady on January 14, 2001. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0036LM)
	<b>MILE 572.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	A rock pile has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 572.0, approximately 150 feet off the LDB. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01)
	<b>MILE 485.5 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 485.5, approximately 300 feet off the can buoy line, with approximately 11 to 12 feet over the top with the Greenville Gauge at 10.2 feet and falling on January 11, 2001. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0029LM)
	<b>MILE 479.2 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 479.2, mid-channel, with approximately 11 to 12 feet over the top with the Greenville Gauge at 10.2 feet and falling on January 11, 2001. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0028LM)
	<b>MILE 200.0 – MILE 203.0 AIDS TO NAVIGATION</b>	Several can buoys have been reported missing between approximately Miles 200.0 and 203.0. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0026LM)
<b>UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER</b>	<b>MILE 184.0 – MILE 110.0 AIDS TO NAVIGATION</b>	Approximately 60 percent of the missing buoys have been replaced between approximately Miles 184.0 and 110.0. Mariners are advised to use caution when transiting the area due to numerous stray buoys which could cause confusion at night. (03-01/0007UM)
	<b>MILE 161.1 DREDGE OPERATION</b>	Continuing until further notice, the Dredge AMERICA is operating in the vicinity of Mile 161.1. Operations will be conducted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mariners are requested to contact the dredge 30 minutes in advance for passing instructions. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0010UM)
	<b>MILE 161.0 AIDS TO NAVIGATION</b>	The channel in the vicinity of Mile 161.0, has been marked with gated buoys at a width of approximately 300 feet. Depths of 10 feet have been noted with the St. Louis Gauge at –1.0 feet. . Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0005UM)
	<b>MILE 125.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 125.0, along the can buoy line. A M/V reported grounding at this location with a 9 foot draft with the Chester Gauge at 1.3 on January 14, 2001. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0013UM)
	<b>MILE 110.9 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 110.9, approximately 200 feet inside the nun buoy line. A M/V reported bumping bottom at this location with a 9 foot draft with the Chester Gauge reading .9 on January 14, 2001. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0014UM)
<b>OHIO RIVER</b>	<b>MILE 973.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 973.0, on both the RDB and the LDB. A M/V reported grounding on the RDB with a 9 foot draft and a M/V reported rubbing the bottom on the LDB with a 9 foot draft with Lock 53 Lower Gauge at 10.2 feet on January 14, 2001. North bound traffic is urged to hold below Consolidated Grain for south bound traffic to pass. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0026OV)
	<b>MILE 496.8 CONSTRUCTION</b>	Continuing until approximately February 5, 2001, Southern Marine Construction Company is constructing a mooring dolphin in the vicinity of Mile 496.8, RDB, at Consolidated Grain and Barge – Aurora Terminal. Work is scheduled to be conducted Monday through Friday, daylight hours only. Construction equipment will consist of the M/V ELIZABETH YATES, a 150 foot by 50 foot crane barge and a 195 foot by 35 foot deck barge. The contractor can be contacted on VHF-FM Channel 13. During non-working hours the contractors vessels will be moored along the RDB at the job site. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/COE)
<b>RED RIVER</b>	<b>MILE 92.5 – MILE 93.0 CHANNEL CONDITION</b>	Shoaling has been reported between approximately Miles 92.5 and 93.0, near Alexandria, LA. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0037LM)
	<b>MILE 21.0 – MILE 22.0 AIDS TO NAVIGATION</b>	Several buoys have been reported missing between approximately Miles 21.0 and 22.0. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting the area. (03-01/0043LM)

### CORRECTIONS TO LIGHT LIST, VOLUME V; MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM, 2000 EDITION.

(\* Denotes the column in which a correction has been made or new information added.)

(1) No.	(2) Name and Location	(3) Mile	(4) Bank	(5) Characteristic	(6) Structure/Daymark Up      Down	(7) Remarks	LNM
None							

### ENCLOSURES

NONE: